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DIV. OF OIL, GAS & MINING

July 3, 2013

Mr. Rusty Galetka 288 N 300 W Cedar City, UT 84721

Dear Mr. Galetka:

On June 24, 2013, this office received a copy of a Plan of Operations for the Hardpickin #6 Project. We have forwarded a copy to the State of Utah, Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining (DOGM). The lands proposed for mining in the project are administered by the BLM and this office has jurisdiction for the project disturbances under the 43 CFR 3809 regulations. The Plan of Operations proposes alabaster mining and processing within the NE¼ sec. 20, T. 38 S., R. 1 W., Kane County. DOGM has serialized the project as E/025/0016 and BLM has assigned file UTU-83058. Please reference the UTU-83058 number in all future correspondence with this office.

This Plan of Operations and been reviewed in light of the applicable 43 CFR 3809 regulations and found complete. The next step in this process is for an Environmental Assessment (EA) to be prepared. An EA will analyze all potential impacts to resources in the Plan of Operations area and will determine if the mine can be approved without having a "significant impact" on the environment. As part of the EA process, there is a 30 day comment period where the public will be able to comment on the document.

This office, in consultation with DOGM and yourself, will determine if the existing \$11,200.00 reclamation bond is sufficient to cover the proposed mining operations or if it will need to be adjusted.

Please be advised that the mining that is proposed in this Plan of Operations is regulated by the Utah Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining. You must receive written authorization from both the BLM and DOGM before commencing active mining on your project area.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact James Holland at the Kanab Field Office at (435) 644-1277.

Sincerely,

Harry Barber

Kanab Field Office Manager